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IN RE APPLICATION OF: NORBERT MILLER

FOR: METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATION OF ALLOCATION PROCESSES FOR  
PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please  
preliminary amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, please insert --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9, please insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE  
RELATED ART--.

Page 2, between lines 3 and 4, please insert --SUMMARY OF THE  
INVENTION--.

Page 7, between lines 14 and 15, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE  
DRAWINGS--.

Page 7, between lines 20 and 21, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF  
PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

Please delete page 10 in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

Claim 2, line 1, please change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 10, line 1, please change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Please rewrite the following claims in amended form.

Claim 3. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile radio  
telephone network system.

Claim 4. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio  
network.

Claim 5. (Amended). Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein the authorization code for a particular use is issued for a  
limited area or time.

Claim 6. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is enabled by the user.

Claim 7. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein the non-contact code verification is accomplished by  
optical means.

Claim 8. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein a code provided by the user for transmission and/or  
verification purposes is released by a selective activation.

Claim 9. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein [the] data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and  
allocation or assignment processes are performed with an aid of a central mainframe  
processing system.

Claim 11. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that] wherein the method is used for a ticketing system for public  
transportation.

Claim 12. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,  
[characterized in that], wherein, under utilization of a code and of an information related  
to its use, an accounting statement is automatically generated.

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the above-identified amendments which conform the  
claims to U.S. practice. No new matter is being introduced by this Amendment as  
antecedent support is set forth in the specification and the original claims.

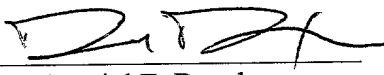
Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please  
charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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